Clearance of proposals for Haldia Petrochemical Complex

*178. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the Government of West Bengal regarding Haldia Petrochemical Complex has got the final clearance of the Central Government; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor and at what stage it rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) While the letter of intent and approvals of foreign collaboration have been given, IDBI and the banks are considering various issues related to the project.

Proposal to set up TIDAL power station

*179. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to set up a TIDAL power station in the Gulf of Kutch;

(b) whether such plants are proposed to be set up at similar other locations like the Bay of Bengal to meet the energy requirements of the country;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) how much funds have been allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Investigations and studies to assess the techno-economic feasibility of a TIDAL power station in the Gulf of Kutch have been undertaken. An amount of Rs. 531.22 lakhs has been sanctioned for these investigations/studies.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal at present to set up a TIDAL power plants at other locations.

Technological tie-ups to include consumer items

*180. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the technological tie-ups to include consumer items like traveller bags, shoes, childrens' toys, shaving blades, manufacturing of Pepsi Cola etc. and if so, in what sectors these tie-ups are likely to be permitted in future; and

(b) whether Government are aware that about 600 such items have been reserved for small industries and whether such tie-up proposals go counter to the Government's decision for reservation of such items for small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Foreign Collaboration for manufacture of items such as soft drinks, shaving blades, toys, footwear etc. is considered on merits if such collaboration is justified taking into consideration factors such as nature of technology involved availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and the need to update existing technology to become competitive and to suit consumer preference.

(b) Over 800 items are at present reserved for exclusive development